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Letter dated 3 April 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Congo to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

In my capacity as the representative of the current Chairman of the African Union, I have the honour to transmit herewith a communiqué issued by the Peace and Security Council of the African Union on an open briefing session held in Addis Ababa on 30 March 2006, containing a declaration on the situation in the Central African Republic (see annex). I should be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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DECLARATION ON THE SITUATION IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC (CAR)

1. The Peace and Security Council (PSC) of the African Union (AU), at its open briefing session, held on 30 March 2006, noted the remarks made by the Commissioner for Peace and Security and the Special Envoy of the Chairperson of the Commission for CAR on the evolution of situation in the CAR, and received statements from the Representative of the Government of the Central African Republic, of the Office of the United Nations in the Central African Republic (BONUCA), the Representative of the Secretariat of Economic and Monetary Community of Central Africa (CEMAC) and the Command of the Multinational Force of CEMAC (FOMUC);

2. Council **notes with deep concern** the situation of insecurity in the north of the CAR and the serious consequences on the political situation in the country and on the life of the population in that part of the country, with several thousands of people already having left their settlements to seek refuge in the south of Chad;

3. Council **notes, also,** the efforts deployed by the Government of the Central African Republic to maintain security in Bangui and to promote security on the rest of the national territory;

4. Council **expresses its appreciation of** the continued support of the BONUCA to the Government of the Central African Republic and the efforts of the United Nations agencies aimed at the stabilization of the CAR, the strengthening of its capacities to deal with the situation, as well as the improvement of the living conditions of refugees and internally displaced persons;

5. Council **underlines** the obstacles facing the Government of the Central African Republic in its efforts to redress the socio-economic and security situation, obstacles that are a particular result of insufficient financial resources and inadequate international assistance;

6. Council further **notes, with satisfaction,** the multifaceted efforts deployed by CEMAC to bring about the stabilization and revitalization of the economy in the CAR and **appreciates**, in particular, the activities of FOMUC on the ground. In this regard, Council **welcomes** the cooperation between the AU, the European Union (EU) and the CEMAC, which has enabled the FOMUC to carry out its mission in the CAR. Council **calls** on the Commission of the African Union, the Central African Government, the BONUCA and the CEMAC to work together to find a lasting solution to the problem of the CAR;

7. Council **welcomes** the decision of the Chairperson of the Commission to dispatch a multidisciplinary mission of experts to the CAR to evaluate its needs and to make appropriate recommendations on the assistance that Member States and the AU could provide to the CAR, within a holistic programme of post-conflict reconstruction;

8. Council **reiterates** its appeal as contained in the Communiqué PSC/PR/Comm (XLIV) of the 44th Meeting of the PSC, held on 29 December 2005, to AU Member States, bilateral and multilateral partners of the CAR, to provide support towards the implementation of the recommendations of the experts and continue to provide the urgently needed aid for the reconstruction in the CAR.